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NOVEMBER 3.

The President, SAMUEL G. DIXON, M.D., in the Chair.

Two hundred and seventy persons present.

On a Collection of Anthropoids.—DR. HENRY C. CHAPMAN called attention to and described a fine collection recently presented by Dr. Thomas Biddle, consisting of mounted skins and skeletons of a gorilla, three chimpanzees and an orang utan, together with skeletons of man and a young orang utan. Comment was made on the peculiarities which ally man to the anthropoids or separate him from them, as shown in the skeleton, muscles, brain, viscera. The structure of the hand and foot of man as compared with the corresponding parts of the anthropoids was dwelt on at length.

MR. ARTHUR ERWIN BROWN spoke of the specific distinctions recognized among the anthropoids, their geographical distribution and habits. He explained the hypotheses which have been offered since Darwin to account for the stages in the phylogeny of the Anthropeidea, and spoke of certain characters in the teeth and vertebral column which appear to support Cope's view of their derivation directly from the Eocene lemuroids, without the intervention of catarrhine monkeys. Casts of the earliest known fossil human skulls were shown, and the opinion was expressed that the Neanderthal and Java men were distinctly intermediate types.